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SUBJECT CAPTURE OF ARAB TERRORISTS

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1. FOUR ARAB TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED BY SECURITY
FORCES NEAR VILLAGE OF TUBAS TEN KM NORTHEAST OF NABLUS.
TRACKS INDICATING TEAM HAD CROSSED JORDAN RIVER WERE DISCOVERED
EARLY AUG 25, BUT FOUR WERE NOT FOUND UNTIL FOLLOWING MORNING.

2. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, FEDAYEEN WERE ALL REGISTERED
INHABITANTS OF WEST BANK WHO REPORTEDLY HAD DEPARTED
AREA FOR SYRIA SOME TIME AGO. THEY HAD DEPARTED SYRIA
SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE RIVER CROSSING GROUP IS ALLEGED TO
HAVE BEEN CARRYING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND GRENADES, AND
REPORTEDLY POSSESSED 150 JORDANIAN DINARS.

3. MORNING PRESS AUG 28 ALSO REVEALS SECOND SABOTAGE

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ATTEMPT IN AS MANY DAYS IN NETANYA AREA. SMOLDERING

TIME-FUSED. HAND GRENADE WAS DISCOVERED NEAR STAND FOR
WEST BANK TAXIS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL CIRCLES APPEAR STILL
TO BE DIGESTING IMPLICATIONS OF DISCOVERING SECOND
TERRORIST GROUP IN THREE DAYS IN JORDAN VALLEY, NEWS OF
THEIR CAPTURE IS LIKELY TO REINFORCE ISRAELI CONVICTION
THAT MOVEMENTS HAD ACQUIESCENCE OF AT LEAST SOME OFFICIAL
ELEMENTS IN JORDAN AND SYRIA.

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